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1. FOR DEPARTMENT'S POSSIBLE USE IN REPLYING TO
PRESS INQUIRIES RE RECENT ALLEGATIONS OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT
IN LEBANESE PROBLEMS, MISSION TRANSMITS TEXT OF TWO
DENIALS ISSUED DURING COURSE OF PAST FEW DAYS.

2. ALLEGATIONS BY KAMAL JUMBLATT THAT USG IS SOMEHOW
INVOLVED IN PERPETUATING LEBANON'S PROBLEMS, FIRST
REPORTED IN BEIRUT PRESS MAY 31 AND REPEATED IN EVER-
INCREASING DETAIL SEVERAL TIME SINCE, WERE REJECTED IN
EMBASSY DENIAL PRINTED IN MAJOR BEIRUT PAPERS JUNE 1.
TEXT FOLLOWS. QUOTE WE HAVE SEEN PRESS ACCOUNTS OF
STATEMENTS BY HIS EXCELLENCY KAMAL JUMBLATT IMPLYING
THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS IN SOME UNSPECIFIED MANNER
ENCOURAGED THE RECENT PROBLEMS IN LEBANON. ANY SUCH
ALLEGATION IS TOTALLY FALSE. THE ONLY U.S. WISH IN THE
PRESENT SITUATION IS TO SEE STABILITY AND SECURITY
RESTORED IN LEBANON AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. UNQUOTE.

3. ALLEGATIONS BY OTHERWISE UNKNOWN "ARAB PRESS AGENCY"
THAT FORMER CIA DIRECTOR HELMS HAD MET WITH LEBANESE
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PHALANGE LEADERS TO PLOT AGAINST THE PALESTINIANS,

PUBLISHED ONLY IN PRO-IRAQI "BEIRUT" JUNE 4, HAVE BEEN
REJECTED IN EMBASSY DENIAL PRESENTED TO MINISTRY OF
INFORMATION JUNE 4 FOR PUBLICATION IN OFFENDING PAPER IN
ACCORDANCE WITH PRESS LAW JUNE 6. TEXT FOLLOWS. QUOTE
"BEIRUT" NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED ON JUNE 4 AND ARTICLE WHICH
IT ATTRIBUTES TO THE "ARAB PRESS AGENCY". THE ARTICLE
ALLEGES THAT U.S. AMBASSADOR TO IRAN RICHARD HELMS HAS
MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEBANESE PHALANGE PARTY.
THE ARTICLE GOES ON AT LENGTH TO DISCUSS PURPORTED
"DECISION" OF THE MEETING. THE ENTIRE ARTICLE IS A
MALICIOUS FABRICATION WHICH HAS ABSOUTELY NO BASIS IN
FACT. NO SUCH MEETING HAS EVER TAKEN PALACE. THIS
FABRICATED REPORT SEEMS DESIGNED TO EXACERBATE
AN ALREADY SUFFICIENTLY TRAGIC SITUATION,
TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE EFFORTS BEING MADE BY MODERATE
ELEMENTS IN LEBANON TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS HERE.
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